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**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM
ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2)**

Applicants hereby petition that U.S. Serial No. 09/654,462 in which the issue fee was paid on March 5, 2004, be withdrawn from issue under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) in consideration of a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114 which applicants enclose herewith so that references not previously of record which are set forth in a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, also enclosed herewith, may be considered by the Patent Office.

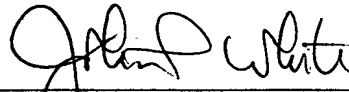
The required petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is ONE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$130.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed.

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Applicants are petitioning that the subject application be withdrawn from issue so that references submitted in the enclosed supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for consideration may be considered by the Patent Office. Applicants do not believe that the references affect the patentability of the subject matter claimed in the subject application. However, in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants are requesting that the references be considered by the Patent Office.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$130.00 petition fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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